

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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February 25, 2003

FROM: **JOHN F. MICHAELSON**, County Administrative Officer
 PETER HILLS, Fire Chief/Fire Warden, County Fire Department

SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF LOCAL BARK BEETLE EMERGENCY

RECOMMENDATION: Continue the Emergency Proclamation originally proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors on September 24, 2002, relating to the Bark Beetle infestation and severe drought conditions described in the Emergency Proclamation, which still exists and continues to be an emergency.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On September 24, 2002, the Board adopted a resolution proclaiming a local emergency on public and private lands located in the San Bernardino and Angeles National Forests. The Board has reviewed and continued the proclamation on either 14-day or 21-day intervals, as required by the California Government Code, and did so as a result of the continued existence of the local emergency.

During a period when the Board meets weekly, the proclamation must be reviewed every 14 days in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c)(2). If the Board does not meet weekly (e.g. due to a holiday), the proclamation must be reviewed every 21 days in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c)(1). The Board last took action to continue the emergency on February 11, 2003, and approval of this recommendation would continue the emergency for an additional period in accordance with Government Code section 8630.

Staff continues to implement various Board-approved recommendations and work in conjunction with the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST).

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed on February 18, 2003, by the County Administrative Office (Wayne Thies, Administrative Analyst); County Fire Department (Peter Hills, Fire Chief/Fire Warden, and Peter Brierty, Fire Marshal); and County Counsel (Dennis Tilton, Deputy County Counsel).

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no specific financial impact associated with this action.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

PRESENTER: Peter Hills, Fire Chief/Fire Warden, County Fire Department, 387-5948.
 Peter Brierty, Fire Marshal, County Fire Department, 386-8400.

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